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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahiro SHIKAI, et al.

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FOR: ELEVATOR ROPE SLIP DETECTOR AND ELEVATOR SYSTEM

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of June 29, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance, paragraph 6 states in part:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

6: The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

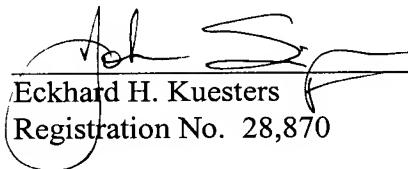
Claims 1 and 6: In view of the limitations, the prior art does not fairly disclose alone or in combination an elevator apparatus and an elevator rope slippage detecting device having a pulley sensor for generating a signal in accordance with a rotation of the pulley; a car speed sensor configured to directly detect a speed of the car based on a frequency of an oscillating wave received from a reflecting surface on a side wall surface of a hoistway and a processing device that determines a speed portion based on the signal from the pulley sensor and the car sensor respectively.

It is respectfully noted that independent Claims 1 and 6 do not include this language. For example, the claims do not include a reference to "a processing device that determines a speed portion based on the signal from the pulley sensor and the car sensor respectively".

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above-quoted statement does not apply to Claims 1 and 6 to the extent the language used in the statement differs from the language of the claims.

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